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SUBJECT: MBFR: INFORMAL SESSION WITH EASTERN REPS ON

APRIL 15, 1975

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN THE APRIL 15 INFORMAL SESSION OF THE VIENNA TALKS, THE ALLIES WERE REPRESENTED BY THE BELGIAN REP, FRG REP AND US REP, AND THE EAST BY SOVIET REPS KHLESTOV AND SMIRNOVSKY, GDR REP OESER AND POLISH REP STRULAK. THE SESSION WAS CHARACTERIZED BY ACTIVE EXCHANGE ON BOTH SIDES, BUT THERE WERE NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EASTERN POSITION. EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES REPEATED THEIR CLAIM THAT, DURING THE CURRENT ROUND, THE EAST HAD BEEN FLEXIBLE AND THE WEST INFLEXIBLE AND THAT THE BASIS OF THE WESTERN POSITION WAS A DELIBERATELY ONE-SIDED ANALYSIS BOTH OF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE REDUCTION

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AREA AND OF GEOGRAPHIC FACTORS. WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES

SAID THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED BY THE EASTERN REFUSAL DURING THE PRESENT ROUND TO TAKE A COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF REDUCTION AGREEMENTS, BY THE FACT THAT THE EAST HAD NOT RESPONDED DURING THIS ROUND TO REPEATED WESTERN OFFERS TO DISCUSS DATA, AND THE FACT THAT THE EAST HAD REFRAINED FROM DISCUSSION OF STABILIZING MEASURES. WESTERN REPS ASKED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ON THESE TOPICS FOR ANSWER BY EAST FOLLOWING THE SPRING RECESS. EASTERN REPS CAREFULLY NOTED THEM. EASTERN REPS WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO AVOID PESSIMISTIC FORECASTS.

2. POLISH REP LED OFF WITH GENERAL REVIEW OF NEGOTIATING SITUATION AS SEEN BY EAST. US REP CRITICIZED EAST FOR ITS FAILURE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE WHOLE RANGE OF CONSEQUENCES OF A REDUCTION AGREEMENT. GDR REP ANALYZED MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE EASTERN POSITION AS DEFINED BY ALLIED REPS AND DECLARED ALL THESE ELEMENTS WERE JUSTIFIED BY THE OBJECTIVE SITUATION AND AGREEMENTS REACHED IN PRELIMINARY TALKS. FRG REP CRITICIZED EASTERN REFUSAL TO EXCHANGE DATA. KHLESTOV PRESENTED INTERMINABLE "SUMMARY" OF THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. BELGIAN REP EXPRESSED WESTERN DISAPPOINTMENT THAT EAST HAD THUS FAR NOT ENGAGED IN DISCUSSION OF WESTERN PROPOSALS FOR STABILIZING MEASURES.

3. IN A LONG EXCHANGE ON COLLECTIVE CEILING, EASTERN PARTICIPANTS INSISTED THAT THERE WERE NOT TWO ALLIANCES OF TWO SIDES, BUT 11 DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. ON DATA ISSUE, GDR REP REPEATED THAT SPECIAL PROTOCOL ENVISAGED BY EAST WOULD CONTAIN REDUCTION TOTALS FOR EACH PARTICIPANT.

4. IT WAS AGREED TO ESTABLISH A TIME FOR THE NEXT INFORMAL SESSION AFTER PARTICIPANTS RECONVENED IN VIENNA THE WEEK OF MAY 11. END SUMMARY.

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